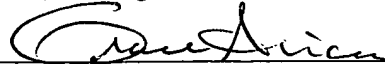


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

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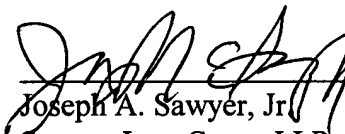
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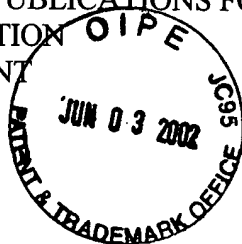
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-2120 (Sawyer Law Group LLP). If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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